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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 11 Aug 93 13:12:17 EDT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: ARRL and its members  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.policy, root@jackatak.raider.net (Jack GF Hill) writes:

>  
>And, this is exactly why I am running for Delta Division Director: to  
>bring some understanding of modern digital technology and computers to  
>the decision making body of the ARRL; to implement change; and, to  
>drag the ARRL into the 1990s.  
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Actually, when you do win, Jack, you may have to fight us off. We'll  
be the ones standing behind you, kicking and shoving so that you'll  
move us even FASTER.

No dragging necessary.

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Subject: Radiogram to India  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I am a licensed ham. Can I legally send a msg to a relative, friend, etc.  
in India who is not a ham? This is a simple question, I'd like a  
simple answer (yes/no). I don't want to start a huge discussion abt this.

Tnx es 73s de KB1AMB  
  
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Date: Wed, 11 Aug 1993 11:37:18 EDT  
From: mulvey!rich@uunet.uu.net  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Aug5.185641.17424@Csl.Stanford.EDU>,  
<1993Aug7.035435.8159@nntpd2.cxo.dec.com>, <248t6sINN580@bashful.isi.com>  
Subject : Re: Lead the Way! (was Re: code/nocode blah blah blah)

jerry@isi.com (Jerry Gardner x323) writes:

> In article <1993Aug7.035435.8159@nntpd2.cxo.dec.com> little@nuts2u.enet.dec.c  
> om (nuts2u::little) writes:

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>>I think his point was that learning Morse code is simply a matter of  
>>memorization. No additional knowledge or new concepts are learned in going  
>>from 1 WPM to 40 WPM. In both cases you either know the code or you don't.  
>>Whether it is recall or recognition has little to do with it. It is still  
>>rote memorization.

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> Correct!!! Just like driving a car is simply a matter of memorization of

> the muscle actions involved. No additional knowledge or new concepts  
> are learned in going from 1 MPH to 220 MPH. So, it doesn't matter  
> whether you're driving a Ford Pinto or an Indy car, it's all exactly  
> the same...

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Exactly! This only goes to show that if I can safely negotiate a  
hairpin curve at 55mph in my Mustang, I can do the same thing in my  
wife's Pinto.

( ;-) for the humor impaired )

- Rich

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Subject : Re: Lead the Way! (was Re: code/nocode blah blah blah

[stuff deleted]

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>Now Todd, et al: do we learn a language only by rote memorization or  
>does it require more complex mental processes? Hopefully you'll answer  
>by saying "both". Good. Now replace the word 'language' with the word  
>'code'.  
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>Right now you might actually believe that code only involves some rote  
>process; but some day, as your code speed increases, you will know better!  
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>Jeffrey Herman, University of Hawaii Mathematics, jherman@hawaii.edu  
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Once again the issue is becoming obfuscated. The fact that one now has

to recognize words and not characters is just a further extension of the memorization process. Now, however, your brain is no longer recalling on the character but on the word pattern that it hears. The issue of intelligence vs "rote memorization" is that a value added has been made. You have derived new information from a number of recalled "memorized" ("learned") items. It comes for connections way beyond the sheer recall of characters or words.

Nothing in the code whatever the speed requires that type of action. It is the conversation itself that demands intelligence (and I guess that leaves out contest conversations since they are composed primarily of memorized stock phrases with values inserted (e.g. 5NN or N30XM).

I restate my view that regardless of the goodness or evil of code (Americans tends to see everything in terms of the good old western) Code does no more to determine an effective ham as the multiple choice theory tests that are given. Regardless of what the "born again" fundamentalists advocate.

I still think that there is NO need for a 20wpm code test. As long as the code test is needed to fulfill international agreements let's make the top speed 13 wpm and add an additional written test for the Extra level that includes a more complex multi-mode concept evaluation.

Erich Franz Stocker  
N30XM

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